

## Scientific Notes:

### Spring Aspect of the Diurnal *Lepidoptera* Fauna of Şirvan District (Siirt Province) (South East Turkey)

by

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Within the field programs of the year 2008, the authors visited Ormanbağı (Figs.1-5) and Çeltikyolu territories (Fig.6) in Şirvan District (Siirt Province)<sup>1</sup> in South East Turkey between 23-26 April, 2008, in order to determine the spring aspects of the diurnal *Lepidoptera* fauna.<sup>2</sup> The studied area and the selected species recorded are illustrated below. Totally 46 species of the diurnal *Lepidoptera* recorded by the authors are listed. New records are marked with “#” for the district. Hibernated species are marked with “\*”. Additionally some other insects observed at Ormanbağı are also illustrated (Figs.10, 20, 21).

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<sup>1</sup> The remote areas of the Eastern Turkey, including Siirt Province are currently extremely dangerous due to the terrorist activities. For details visit the official Web Page of the Turkish General Staff (TGS) in Turkish:

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## List of the species of Spring Aspect at Şirvan

**Papilionidae**

1. *Archon apollinaris apollinaris* (Staudinger,1892)
2. *Iphiclides podalirius podalirius* (Linnaeus,1758)
3. *Papilio* (s.str.) *machaon syriacus* Pfeiffer,1931
4. *Zerynthia* (Allancastris) *deyrollei deyrollei* (Oberthür,1869) (Figs.7,8)

**Pieridae**

5. *Anthocharis cardamines phoenissa* Kalchberg,1895 #
6. *Anthocharis damone eunomia* (Freyer,[1851]) #
7. *Anthocharis gruneri homogena* Heyne,1895 #
8. *Aporia* (s.str.) *crataegi hyalina* Röber,1907 # (Fig.12)
9. *Colias* (Eriocolias) *crocea crocea* (Fourcroy,1785)
10. *Gonepteryx* (s.str.) *farinosa turcirana* De Freina,1983 #, \*
11. *Leptidea duponcheli aestiva* (Staudinger,1878) #
12. *Pieris* (Artogeia) *ergane detersa* Verity,[1908] #
13. *Pieris* (s.str.) *brassicae brassicae* (Linnaeus,1758) #
14. *Pontia edusa edusa* (Fabricius,1777) #

**Argynnidae**

15. *Cynthia cardui cardui* (Linnaeus,1758) \*
16. *Issoria lathonia lathonia* (Linnaeus,1758) # (Fig.13)
17. *Limenitis* (Azuritis) *reducta herculeana* Stichel,[1908] #
18. *Melitaea* (s.str.) *arduinna arduinna* (Fabricius,1787) # (Fig.14)
19. *Nymphalis polychloros polychloros* (Linnaeus,1758) #, \*
20. *Nymphalis xanthomelas fervescens* (Stichel,[1908]) #, \*
21. *Polygonia* (Comma) *egea egea* (Cramer,[1775]) #, \*
22. *Thaleropis ionia ionia* (Eversmann,1851) #

**Libytheidae**

23. *Libythea* (s.str.) *celtis celtis* (Laicharting,1782) #, \* (Fig.9)

**Satyridae**

24. *Coenonympha* (s.str.) *pamphilus pamphilus* (Linnaeus,1758) #
25. *Lasiommata maera orientalis* (Heyne,[1894]) #
26. *Lasiommata megera transcaspica* (Staudinger,1901) #

**Lycaenidae**

27. *Callophrys rubi rubi* (Linnaeus,1758) # (Fig.10)
28. *Callophrys* ? *suaveola suaveola* (Staudinger,1881) #
29. *Celastrina argiolus hypoleuca* (Kollar,[1849]) #
30. *Glaucopsyche* (s.str.) *alexis lugens* (Caradja,1893) #
31. *Lycaena* (s.str.) *phlaeas timeus* (Cramer,[1777]) #
32. *Polyommatus* (Aricia (s.str.)) *agestis agestis* ([Denis & Schiffermüller],1775) #
33. *Polyommatus* (s.str. (Cyaniris)) *bellis nurmuhemmet* Kemal & Koçak,2005 # (Fig.11)
34. *Polyommatus* (s.str.) *icarus* (Rottemburg,1775), ssp. #
35. *Pseudophilotes vicrama schiffermuelleri* (Hemming,1929) #
36. *Satyrrium* (Nordmannia) *abdominalis abdominalis* (Gerhard,[1850])

**Hesperiidae**

37. *Erynnis* (Hesperopegasus) *marloyi marloyi* (Boisduval,[1834]) # (Fig.17)
38. *Erynnis* (s.str.) *tages unicolor* (Freyer,[1848]) #
39. *Spialia* (Neospialia) *orbifer hilaris* (Staudinger,1901) #

**Sphingidae**

40. *Macroglossum stellatarum stellatarum* (Linnaeus,1758) #, \*

**Geometridae**

41. *Chiasmia clathrata* (Linnaeus,1758) # (Fig.15)  
42. *Pseudopanthera syriacata* (Guenée,1852) #

**Noctuidae**

43. *Apopestes* ? spectrum (Esper,1787) #. Recorded at larva stage! (Fig.18)

**Pyralidae**

44. *Trepteryx pertusalis* (Geyer,1832) #

**Oecophoridae**

45. *Pleurota* sp. (Fig.16)

**Psychidae**

46. gen.sp. (Fig.18)



**Fig.1-** South of Ormanbaşı, Şirvan, Siirt, on 24 April,2008 Photo A.Koçak (Cesa)





**Fig.2-** South of Ormanbağı, Şirvan, Siirt, on 24 April,2008 Photo A.Koçak (Cesa)



**Fig.3-** South of Ormanbağı, 1070m, Şirvan, Siirt, on 24 April,2008; collecting localities, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.4-** South of Ormanbağı, 1070m, Şirvan, Siirt, on 24 April,2008; collecting locusts, Photo A.Koçak (Cesa)



**Fig.5-** South of Ormanbağı, 1070m, Şirvan, Siirt, on 24 April,2008; collecting localities, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.6-** Celtikyolu pass, 1600m, Şirvan, Siirt, on 26 April,2008; collecting localities, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig.7-** A resting male of *Allancastris deyrollei* at Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.8-** *Aristolochia bottae*, Larval foodplant of *Allancastria deyrollei* at Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April, 2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig.9-** *Celtis glabrata*, larval foodplant of *Libythea celtis* at Ormanbağı, 1070m, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April, 2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.10-** *Rhamnus* sp., larval foodplant of *Gonepteryx farinosa* and nectar plant of *Callophrys rubi*, *Callophrys ? suaveola*, and *Celastrina argiolus* at Ormanbaşı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig.10-** *Callophrys rubi* on nectar plant of *Rhamnus* sp., and *Malachius aeneus* (Melyridae) behind it, Ormanbaşı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.11-** A male of *Polyommatus (Cyaniris) bellis ssp. nurmuhammet* at rest, Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008 Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)

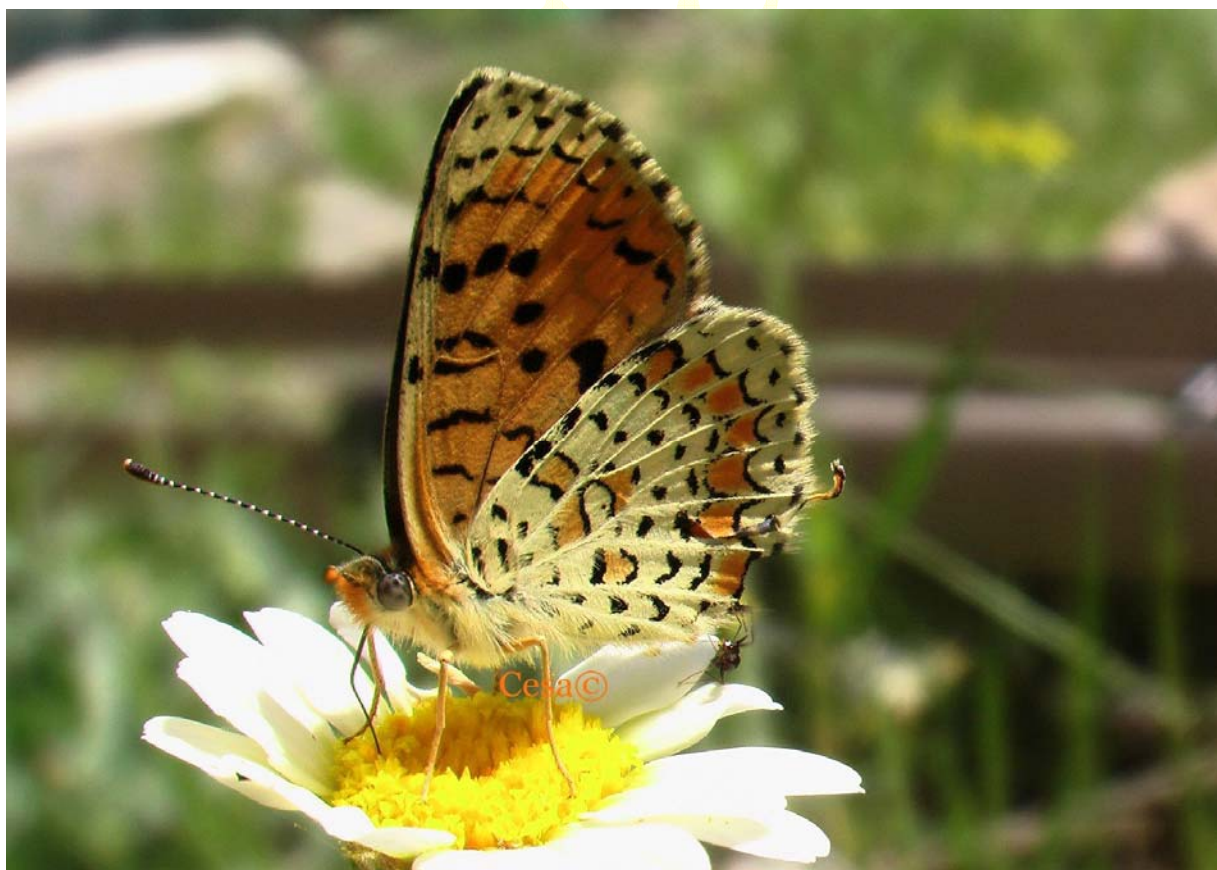


**Fig.12-** Pupae of *Aporia crataegi* at Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008. At the same place and time, butterflies were also captured, with remarkably early flight period! Photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig.13-** A basking male of *Issoria lathonia* at Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).



**Fig.14-** A feeding male of *Melitaea collina* on the flower of *Anthemis* sp. at Ormanbağı, Şirvan (Siirt) on 24 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).





**Fig.15-** A basking male of day flying moth *Chiasmia clathrata* (Geometridae), near Hesko Bridge 975m, Ormanbaşı, Şirvan (Siirt), on 25 April, 2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).



**Fig.16-** A resting male of day flying micro-moth *Pleurota* sp. (Oecophoridae), at Ormanbaşı 1250m, Şirvan (Siirt), on 24 April, 2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).





**Fig.17-** A feeding male of *Erynnis marloyi* on the flower of *Anchusa* (*Boraginaceae*), at Ormanbağı 1070m, Şirvan (Siirt), on 25 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).



**Fig.18-** A full grown caterpillar of *Apopestes ? spectrum* (*Noctuidae*) on the ground before pupating, at Ormanbağı 1000m, Şirvan (Siirt), on 26 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).





**Fig.18-** A psychid larva (*Psychidae*), at Hazro Bridge 975m, Ormanbaşı, Şirvan (Siirt), on 25 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).



**Fig.20-** Other insects, *Acrida* sp. at nymph stage (*Orthoptera*), at Ormanbaşı 1070m, Şirvan (Siirt), on 25 April,2008, Photo M.Kemal (Cesa).





**Fig.21-** Other insects, *Agaphantia kirbyi* (Cerambycidae), at Ormanbağı 1000m, Şirvan (Siirt), on 26 April, 2008  
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